

How has the Presbytery helped your congregation?

1. "1) Search committee
2. 2) Advise during COVID
3. 3) Assistance with conflict
4. 4) List of pastors for pulpit fill
5. 5) Education resources
6. 6) Assistance with tornado relief"
7. "1. Hiring of ministers
8. 2. Larger outreach missions.
9. 3. Guidance
10. 4."
11. "1. Hiring of ministers
12. 2. Larger outreach missions.
13. 3. Guidance
14. 4."
15. A resource for Pastor Search
16. Assisted with our PNC
17. Assisting in finding new pastors?
18. "At this point, I really cannot think of any help that Presbytery provided that is remarkable.
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20. On the point above, I believe that supporting Presbytery to the tune of \$50/year is reasonable if the support is there. Because I do not believe the support currently being delivered is meeting expectations, I believe the current per capita is overpriced.
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22. I have no idea if the per Capita helps the joint ministry of the larger church. It does not appear to do so as evidenced by the decline of the larger church."
23. At Westminster, Annika supported and guided the church, Session, and Sr. Pastor through a challenging situation with integrity, faith, and dedication.
24. Began our church from other local area churches.
25. Bought the land for our church!
26. Can't think of any
27. Closed our former church
28. COM, pulpit supply, guest speakers, peace and justice awareness.
29. Commission on Ministry has appointed a moderator for our session meetings since we don't have a pastor.
30. "Committee Outreach
31. Food Pantry Dinner
32. Plant and Harvest potatoes
33. Donations
34. Many more!"
35. financial support when needed
36. Food clothing shared Bible school
37. Gives support
38. Gives support
39. Giving some guidance as needed
40. Giving us help with pulpit supply, materials for education, helping with support for a new pastor, helping with a big building project, giving direction to the church. Giving up direction in missions.
41. Grants and funding to support missions or local causes in our community
42. Guidance when we are without a minister in the pulpit and a moderator for session.

43. Guiding our PNC in its process.
44. Have been supportive thru pastoral problem, need for new pastor, considering changing pastor to half time.
45. Have had help with personnel problems within the church; calling on our Presbytery to help with setting up a Pastor Nominating Committee. The Presbytery is very helpful when we contact them with questions, etc.
46. "Helped churches and church programs stay financially afloat
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48. Helped support the personnel working as pastors/ etc.
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50. Helped keep things organized and moving forward in the Presbytery
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52. Been advocates to the General Assembly for our Presbytery"
53. Helped show our connectionism with the larger church.
54. "Helped us with calling new pastors.
55. Keeps in contact with pastor.
56. Provides information in emails."
57. "-Helped with a mission trip to the southern border with Mexico this year.
58. -Have spoken at special-interest events as experts.
59. -Advised us as needed.
60. -Facilitated visiting missionary workers so they can share their stories with our congregation."
61. Helping staff through a difficult/painful experience with a former member.
62. I believe they have assisted us in a variety of ways, but I honestly can't put into words right now. I'm sorry.
63. I don't feel that the Presbytery has helped our church. In fact, I have seen them as a roadblock in many instances we have encountered.
64. I don't know how or that the Presbytery has helped the local ministry or church.
65. I don't know.
66. I don't know.
67. I know it does but I can't say how
68. I see Presbytery as mostly being a separate entity that does its own thing. I can't think of anything Presbytery currently does that has a significant impact on our church. We have not seen anyone from the Presbytery in years. We used to have some one come once a year to our Session meeting. The GP used to come at least once a year. Neither of these has happened in years.
69. "International mission awareness - brought in speakers.
70. Offered classes.
71. Helped us get involved in refugee assistance.
72. Provided funds for screening The Law and the Prophet and sending local members to Palestine who later presented to numerous groups - increasing community awareness of the situation in the Middle East."
73. It effectively dealt with members who were seeking to harrass the staff and lay leadership.
74. "Leading us through the process of forming a PNC and calling a new pastor
75. Offering training for Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders"
76. Local Mission Money
77. Navigating after co-pastors' divorce.
78. No
79. No help from Presbytery
80. Not seeing "Presbytery" helping in "our local" ministry.

81. Not sure
82. Not sure
83. Not sure
84. Not sure, except to help this congregation call me.
85. Offered guidance when needed and provided good leadership.
86. offers a better price on background checks
87. Our mission in El Salvador.
88. Pastor search, interim support, mission connections
89. "Pastor transition in the past
90. Mission trips
91. Guest speakers"
92. Presbytery does nothing for my church. It is irrelevant.
93. Presbytery has helped church officers and the Pastor with training and ministry .
94. "Programs for youth, especially summer camps.
95. Retreats for all ages
96. Support for our church's involvement in the Farm Crisis
97. Presbytery wide gatherings like Presbyter Day
98. Opportunities to be involved with ministries of the church at home and in other lands"
99. Provided excellent transitional minister while we search for a new minister.
100. "Provided interims
101. List of substitute preacher"
102. Provides guidance and leadership during these past 3 years?
103. Providing excellent leadership training & support.
104. Providing guidance in mission, stewardship, pastoral support, Christian education, connecting us with other Presbyterian churches
105. providing pulpit supply and informational resources.
106. Providing resources as needed.
107. Providing training and information for ruling elders and PNC members and pastoers. Our Com rep is good.
108. "Reach out to changing demographics.
109. Synod school participants. Summer camps.
110. Engaged lay leaders and pastors in mission programs. We have a fuller understanding of the Kingdom of God when we grow in knowledge and service to the wider church and world."
111. Search for our Pastor and helped us begin to heal after the previous Pastor left (Full-time Pastor)
112. "Several years ago, the denomination helped through PDA when a tornado went through town. Although the church building only received minor damage, funds from PDA (and other sources) allowed the church to minister to others who were severely impacted by the storm.
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114. Historically, many members of this church have been active in the Presbytery on many different levels. Further, several members have received training to become CLPs, then CREs, to be authorized to officiate at the Lord's Table, and one has gone on to become a Teaching Elder. The Presbytery has been helpful in providing these educational opportunities that have allowed these members to share their gifts with the larger church."
115. Shared programs & meetings held at our church. Working together on mission projects. Guidance for PNC.
116. Some help when our church was undergoing a pastor change. We used the materials from Presbytery in the selection process. Our call committee was visited twice by the Presbytery representatives on this process. We received the resumes of possible candidates for the call system.

117. Southwest Iowa Regional Partners (Pastor Tim Maxa leader) has been a huge blessing for us in Southwest Iowa. I think I am correct in saying Presbytery money still comes to SWIRP for mission trips, which our church participates in yearly. We believe this is very important and the money that flows through for this has helped MANY folks.
118. "Sponsoring camp.
119. Pastoral visit from COM representative."
120. Staff have been helpful to answer questions.
121. Support during our search for full time head of staff lead pastor. Pooling of mission outreach.
122. "-Support for the minister
123. -Pulpit supply
124. -Support after area tornadoes"
125. "Support from Executive Presbyters during pastoral transitions.
126. Also, I've been part of a prayer and fellowship group with a couple other pastors in my neck of the Presbytery. That's been great."
127. Supported our search for transitional pastor this time; has not always been the case.
128. Supporting Cross Outreach, local mission, CISS, walking in Pride parade, gathering supplies for Waukee food pantry, etc.
129. surface support - toilet paper for the food bank, but nothing that is truly meaningful whihc would have a significant impact
130. "The Presbytery has been very helpful in the search process for a new minister. Our presbytery liaison, David Boyd, is knowledgeable, accessible, and genuinely willing to help!
131. The newsletter is a good source of information regarding what's coming up by way of events, training, etc.
132. The tri-presbytery staff is responsive to questions and concerns."
133. They haven't helped at all. They are intimidating and greedy
134. They haven't helped at all. They are only interested in how much money we have
135. "Tornado relief
136. Help for retired Pastors
137. Reviewing where we stand on current issues.... gay rights LGBTQ , Women's concerns , Christian Nationalism."
138. Unknown
139. Unsure.
140. Very supportive on social media.
141. We are currently working with Ian - he came to our last session meeting and was very helpful, informing the session of some options they had not known about. I feel the Presbytery has supported this church - and that has been reciprocated in years past, tho not too much recently.
142. "We belong to the Association of Churches
143. We have a trust that we get every year to help the needy in our county
144. We house one of the local food pantries
145. We provide the location for a Wednesday after school program that is faith based"
146. We enjoy guest speakers, mission opportunities
147. "We help with a local organization that provides school supplies to underprivileged kids.
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149. We participate in Crop Walk to raise money to combat hunger."
150. We provide to several local ministries throughout the year
151. We were encouraged to stay with the Presbytery when our church split with a schism in 2007.
152. Working with our transitional Pastor
153. you have awarded a grant which helps our local missions